

City of Imperial Beach

News Updates & Information



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This publication is meant to give you the latest and greatest news and information from around the City.

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SECTION 1 CITY OF IB SHIRTS ON SALE

New City of Imperial Beach Shirts are now on sale in the Finance Department at City Hall and at the Sports Park. Sizes range from Child S, M, L and Adult S, M, L, XL and 2X. Prices are \$10 each plus tax. Contact the finance department located at 825 Imperial Beach Blvd. to purchase your shirt now!

SECTION 2 NAVY HELICOPTER AND NOISE COMPLAINT ONLINE

You can now file your helicopter and noise complaints with the Navy online. The city has added a link to the Navy Online Complaint Form on our City Website. Click [HERE](#) to view

You may also visit the Navy Website Online Complaint Form directly by clicking [HERE](#).

SECTION 3 31ST ANNUAL SANDCASTLE COMPETITION JULY 22-24

A classic event in classic southern California is returning for its 31st year in Imperial Beach, Calif. The U.S. Open Sandcastle Competition builds itself into the sand as the largest sandcastle-building competition in the United States as it returns July 22, 23 and 24.

The event begins on Friday, July 22, with the Annual community Mayor's Breakfast and a 21-and-older dance in the evening at the Boys and Girls Club.

For a minimal sign-up fee, kids 12 and younger can participate on teams in the Kids-

N-Kastles competition and be eligible to win prizes on July 23. Registered teams can build from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and winners are announced at 4 p.m. No need to worry about artistic ability, creativity, and coloring outside the lines are encouraged.

The sand masters show up Sunday, July 24. Amateurs and professionals take to the sand between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to create life-size masterpieces in an attempt to claim their share of more than \$21,000 in cash prizes. Professional teams compete in the Masters category, which is divided between three and ten person teams. Amateur teams compete in an open competition divided into several categories that will be a surprise for everyone. Participants are encouraged to build castles inspired by the memorable moments, significant landmarks or ideals of Southern California seen over the past 31 years.

Make sure to check out all sculptures throughout the weekend before 4 p.m., when the tide comes in and washes the hard work away.

For those looking to take a break from the sand, the street fair on Seacoast Drive offers spectators the opportunity to check out many vendors featuring food, non-alcoholic beverages, art, jewelry and clothing, to name a few. On Pier Plaza stage, local bands will provide entertainment throughout the weekend. The street fair will be open 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

In order to preserve a safe, family-friendly environment, the Sandcastle Committee reserves the right to deny access to the event. Prohibited items include alcoholic beverages, bicycles and skateboards, or any wheeled devices except for strollers and wheelchairs, and all pets (except service animals).

Admission to the festival is free. The U.S. Open Sandcastle Competition is a nonprofit event with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Imperial Beach.

The event that started out with 30,000 attendees has grown to attract 400,000 over a three-day weekend. The competition began in 1980, when a group of Imperial Beach residents decided to form a committee and host the first event after being inspired by a similar competition in their sister city of White Rock, British Columbia. For more information, visit usopensandcastle.com.

SECTION 4 SEACOAST INN CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS

Click [HERE](#) to be directed to our City website News page which has recent Seacoast Inn Construction Photos.

SECTION 5 SPORTS PARK UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to join the Sports Park staff for the upcoming *Family Day in the Park*, to be held at the Sports Park, 425 Imperial Beach Blvd., Saturday, August 27, 2011 from

12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with live music, games, food and more.

Also, the Sports Park offers a variety of summer events listed below:

Day at the beach—July 20, 2011

Trip to Coronado pool—July 27, 2011

Trip to the Estuary—August 3, 2011

Trip to the fire station & library TBA

For information on any of the upcoming Sports Park events, or for general Sports Park questions, please call (619) 628-1385 or e-mail sportspark@cityofib.org. You may also view the attached Sports Park brochure for a complete listing of all Sports Park Amenities and Activities.

SECTION 6 STREET REPAVING

The City's Street Department will be repaving the right lane on Palm Ave (westbound) between 7th Street and Rainbow Drive starting Monday, June 27, 2011. As a result, 7th Street between Palm Ave and SR-75 will be closed to thru traffic between the hours of 6:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Detour signs will be posted to re-route traffic. This work is scheduled to be completed on Wednesday, June 29, 2011

Please contact Peter Lau at (619) 628-1371 if you have any questions or concerns.

SECTION 7 PALM AVENUE STREET-END BENCH BACKS INSTALLED

As part of the original approved design of the Palm Avenue street-end project, the surf board benches were required to be installed with a bench back to comply with the current ADA regulations. The artist, Malcohm Jones, was contracted by the Port of San Diego to provide the surf board benches with an artistic bench back. The benches were installed coincident with the completion of the street-end, but the bench backs were never completed. This week, staff received a call from the Port Engineer's staff advising that Mr. Jones would be on site Thursday, June 23, 2011 to install the new bench backs. The installation was completed and is available for use as of Friday, June 24, 2011.

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